

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 30-85 have been canceled. As the Examiner will note, use claims found in the international application have been deleted. Furthermore, claims 11, 13 and 21 have been amended to correct clerical errors. It is thus respectfully solicited that the claim fees be determined on the basis of the pending claims as now amended.

Conclusion

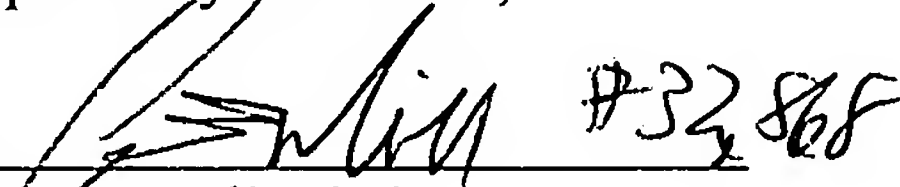
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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